



**WORLD SOIL DAY 2018**  
**ORGANIZED BY ENVIS RESOURCE PARTNER ON**  
**FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES AND TREE IMPROVEMENT,**  
**INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS & TREE BREEDING**

The ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore celebrated the World Soil Day on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Dr.Rekha R. Warriar, Scientist - E welcomed the gathering and gave an overview of the World Soil Day 2018 theme viz “Be the Solution to Soil Pollution”. Dr S.Murugesan, Group Coordinator Research gave opening remarks and discussed about the importance of soil. Dr.K.Kumaraswamy, Retd. Professor & Head, Dept. of Soil Science, Tamilnadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore graced the function as Chief Guest and presented a lead lecture on the theme “Be the Solution to Soil Pollution” and highlighted the importance of our soil resources and the necessity for their management and conservation. Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS., Director in his closing remarks emphasised the importance of conservation and management of the soil resources in the country. Shri.S.Vigneswaran, Programme Officer, ENVIS proposed the vote of thanks to the gathering. All the Technical Staff of IFGTB, Supporting Research Staff including SRFs, JRFs and FAs participated in the event.



